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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/064,252	<b>Applicant(s)</b> YEH, CHIEN-LIANG	
	<b>Examiner</b> Cheukfan Lee	<b>Art Unit</b> 2625	

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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 April 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 21-23 and 27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 24-26 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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1. Claims 1-27 are pending. Claims 1, 10 and 21 are independent.
2. Applicant is reminded of the improper foreign priority claim filed on June 26, 2002 (an X placed under No).
3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 21-23 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nahar (U.S. Patent No. 6,481,626).

Regarding claim 21, Nahar discloses a method comprising disposing a transparent window (28) on a scanning device case (including 26), and disposing a plurality of resilient elements (adhesive bond 30 disposed at one side and adhesive bond 30 disposed at the other side(s) of window 28) on the case (26), such that at least a portion of the resilient elements (30) abut at least a portion of the transparent window (28) (Figs. 1-5, col. 2, line 29 – col. 6, line 6, note resilient mount provided by adhesive bonds 30 at col. 4, lines 28-35).

Regarding claim 22, the transparent window (28) is generally rectangular shaped (Figs. 1 and 4), and comprises a top surface, a bottom surface and four edges, wherein the window (28) is disposed such that the plurality of resilient elements abut at least one edge.

Regarding claim 23, the resilient elements (adhesive bonds 30) comprise flexible material (col. 5, lines 40-46).

Regarding claim 27, the resilient elements (adhesive bonds 30) are disposed to inherently form a shock-absorber for the window (28) (col. 3, lines 16-27).

5. Claims 24-26 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. Claims 1-20 are allowed.

7. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 24 would be allowable because Nahar (6,481,626) does not disclose that the flexible material comprises rubber (see col. 3, lines 15-27).

Claim 25 would be allowable because Nahar does not disclose forming a plurality of groups of resilient elements. The resilient elements are flexible adhesive bonds (30) (col. 3, lines 15-27).

Claim 26 would be allowable because Nahar does not disclose disposing the resilient elements (adhesive bonds 30) parallel with respect to one another such that one of the plurality elements comprises a length greater than the other resilient elements.

Claims 1 and 10 are allowed because the scanner of Nahar (6,481,626) does not have an upper case and a lower case as required by claims 1 and 20. The scanner of Nahar is a bar code scanner (see Fig. 1).

Claims 2-9 and 11-20 depend on claims 1 or 10.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheukfan Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-7407. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L. Coles can be reached on (571) 272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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